

**TOWN OF VASS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RETREAT MEETING  
April 29, 2013**

The Retreat was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem M. Callahan at 5:55 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Bridgers, Callahan, Cirone and Kellis. Mayor Callahan was absent.

**A. Approval of Mowing Agreement**

Town Administrator asked Board members to review and approve an agreement to contract out the mowing and trimming of the park and Memorial Garden. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Discussion of Draft of 2013-14 Budget and various department needs.**

Town Administrator briefly reviewed the required benefits items that were going to be increasing. There is a 20% increase in health insurance premiums if we stay with the League's insurance. Administrator is currently obtaining quotes from two other companies to seek a lower premium, which may require a higher deductible. The required employer's contribution rate toward retirement for both the General and Police employees will be increasing and we will now be required to pay \$214 per employee into the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

Commissioner Kellis addressed several items needing repair at the park including the roofs on the two dugouts and replacing at least one set of bleachers. There was also discussion regarding the vandalism at the park particularly in the bathrooms. Board members felt we needed to look into purchasing a camera system to try to catch people who are in the park especially when it is not open to the public. There was also a suggestion to purchase large motion lights or dusk to dawn lights to light up the area better.

Chief Deel said he prepared a bare bones budget, but would like to have added new radar units as only one is currently certified. He also said he would like cameras in the cars when funds permit. Because we are still not sure of what kind of revenue the State may take control of, we prepared a budget with no salary increases and no Christmas Bonus. Chief Deel said if there is to be no Christmas Bonus he would like to be able to offer perhaps an additional week of vacation to the staff. Board members asked how much the bonus was last year and were told it was \$350 per person. The Administrator was to rework the proposed budget with the figures necessary to build in a \$350 bonus to all employees, which would include an additional amount to the FICA, Retirement and 401K expenses.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Matthew Callahan, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Josephine E. Smith, CMC, Town Clerk